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Christmas in the Capitol? Congress' to-do list grows

In this June 9, 2015, file photo, Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, speaks next to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Christmas

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ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' midsummer to-do list may take until Christmas to clear.

At the top are maintaining the flow of highway funding, easing automatic budget cuts to the Pentagon and domestic agencies, renewing tax breaks and raising the debt limit. A misstep at any of several points could trigger a partial government shutdown. "We're going to leave that fight till September, October, November, December," Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn told reporters last week, referring to spending issues and raising the prospect of Christmas in the Capitol.

Such a stack of unfinished business would be a time-consuming challenge in a well-oiled capital. But Washington has a case of chronic dysfunction, meaning there's little sense of urgency and the real potential for policymakers to end up doing the bare minimum — keeping the government on autopilot and avoiding an economy-rattling debt default.

"We ought to be meeting right now," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, the second-ranking Democrat in the House. "We're not doing that. There have been no discussions."

An eventual repeat of a government shutdown is

a real possibility, though a short-term government-wide funding measure is likely in September and would buy time for negotiations. One of the biggest challenges involves finding spending cuts acceptable to Democrats and Republicans to pay for increases demanded by President Barack Obama for domestic priorities such as education and public works projects. Otherwise, agency budgets will largely be frozen by the return of automatic spending curbs.

If talks do not pan out, the sides may have no choice but to basically keep the government on autopilot, with spending frozen at current levels for another year, denying all but the most important increases. The administration says Obama would veto such legislation, setting up a potential partial closing of the government similar to the 16-day shutdown in 2013 that was fueled by conservative activists and Republican Sen. Ted Cruz over Obama's health care law. The president "will not accept a bill that locks in" the automatic spending limits, White House budget director Shaun Donovan said recently.

More pragmatic lawmakers want a sequel to a deal negotiated by Republican Rep. Paul Ryan and Democratic Sen. Patty Murray that traded longer-term budget savings and user fees for two years of relief from the automatic agency cuts.

The most recent public posture from the White House is that Democrats and Republicans should take the lead in sorting it out. Republicans, however, are in no hurry for negotiations and say it's up to the White House to offer concrete spending cuts known as offsets to finance relief for agency budgets.

What Obama wants most is a break for domestic agencies that, on average, face a freeze in their day-to-day operating budgets. □



In this Feb. 27, 2015, file photo, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer of Md. leaves the House Chamber at the Capitol in Washington. Associated Press

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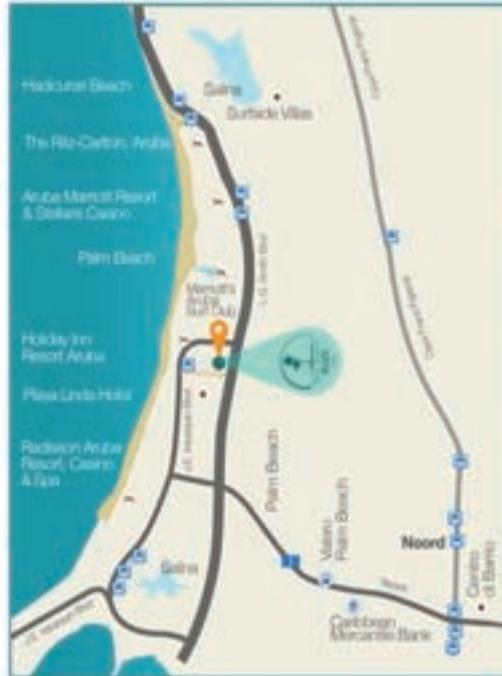
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Ex-President George H.W. Bush leaves hospital after fall

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — Former President George H.W. Bush was released from a Maine hospital on Sunday, four days after the 91-year-old fell at his summer home and broke a bone in his neck. Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said that "a very grateful" Bush returned home to Kennebunkport from Maine Medical Center after treatment for a fractured vertebra.

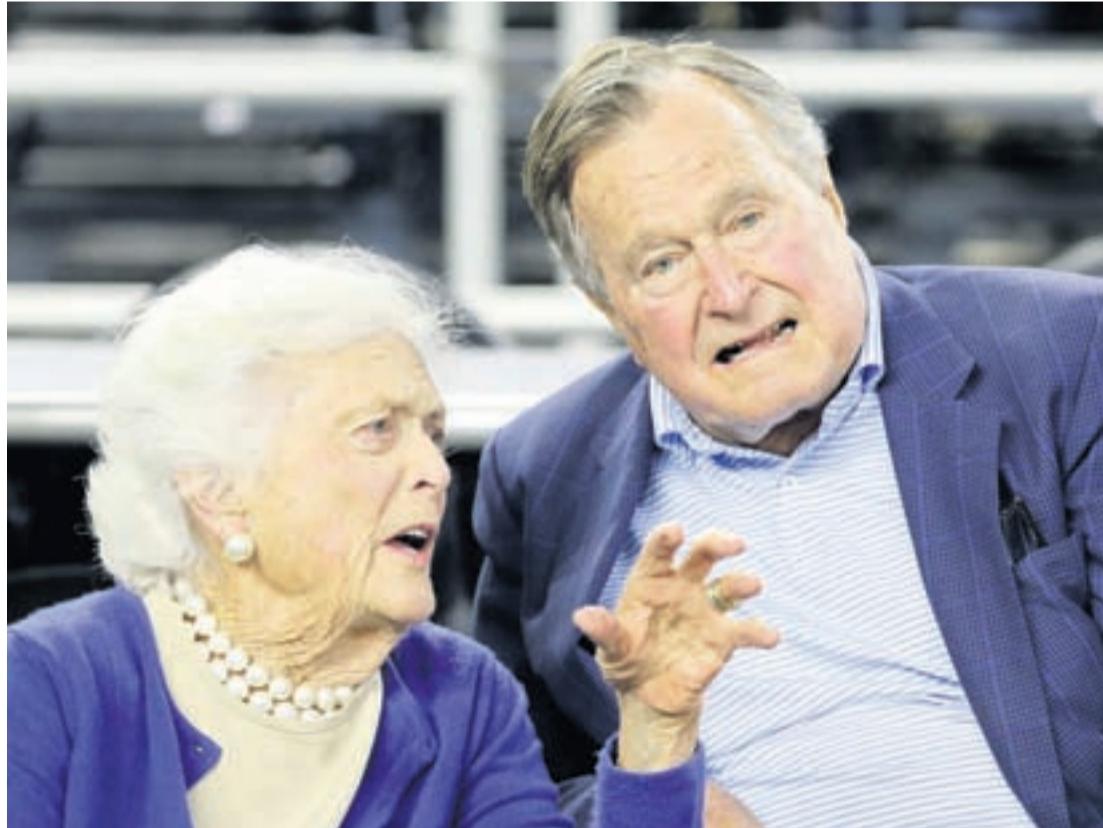
"He is in good enough condition that they can continue his recovery at home," McGrath told The Associated Press.

Doctors say Bush didn't suffer nerve damage when he fell Wednesday.

They said they anticipate the 41st president will recover fully in three or four months.

Doctors said Bush, the oldest living former president, did not suffer any neurological damage.

McGrath said Bush never lost consciousness. He fractured his C2 vertebra, the second one below the



In this March 29, 2015, file photo, former President George H.W. Bush and his wife Barbara Bush speak before the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Houston.

Associated Press

skull, but it didn't affect his spine.

A day after the fall, Dr. William D'Angelo, a neurosurgeon who is treating Bush, said the former president

was in good spirits and his "excellent" physical shape leads doctors to anticipate a full recovery.

The family declined to say how Bush fell.

was hospitalized in Houston in December for about a week for shortness of breath. He spent Christmas 2012 in intensive care at the same Houston hospital for a bronchitis-related cough and other issues.

Still, he has taken skydives on at least three of his birthdays since leaving the White House and celebrated his 90th birthday by making a tandem parachute jump in Kennebunkport.

The Republican served two terms as Ronald Reagan's vice president before being elected president in 1988. He served one term then lost to Democrat Bill Clinton in 1992.

Bush was a naval aviator in World War II, and his torpedo plane was shot down over the Pacific. He also served as ambassador to the United Nations, envoy to China and CIA director. He is the father of former President George W. Bush. Another son, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, is running for president in 2016. □

China's record criticized as U.S. Congress mulls nuclear pact

MATTHEW PENNINGTON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — China's record on nuclear proliferation is facing congressional criticism as the Obama administration seeks renewal of a 30-year agreement that enables American involvement in China's fast-growing atomic energy industry.

It's a different beast and far less contentious than the new nuclear deal between Iran and the U.S. and five other world powers aimed at preventing Tehran from acquiring atomic weapons. China has had the bomb for 50 years and has a stockpile of perhaps 250 weapons.

This agreement facilitates the transfer of U.S. technology for civilian use, and blocking or delaying it could complicate already tense U.S.-China relations. In September, President Barack Obama will host Chinese leader Xi Jinping at the White House amid growing strains over Beijing's island-building in the South China Sea and alleged cybertheft of U.S. government and trade secrets.

There are also major commercial implications. The U.S. nuclear industry is warning it needs swift renewal of the agreement, which expires at the end of this year. Four American-designed reactors worth \$8 billion are under construction in China, and dozens more are planned or proposed that industry advocates claim could support tens of thousands of U.S. jobs.

Chances are the agreement will be renewed. It has strong support from some lawmakers, mainly because of the economic benefits of nuclear trade with China, but has drawn stiff criticism from both Republicans and Democrats. Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, a presidential hopeful, last week co-sponsored a resolution

seeking to block it, saying Chinese entities have continued to transfer sensitive military technology to Iran and North Korea and assisted Pakistan's nuclear program.

"The stakes are too high for us to continue a business-as-usual approach to China by letting this agreement enter into force," Rubio said.

Sen. Ed Markey, a Democrat from Massachusetts, has also come out against it, demanding strong conditions to ensure China meets nonproliferation standards.

But the Obama administration is warning that ending U.S.-China cooperation would be devastating to the U.S. nuclear industry and would hurt bilateral relations and diminish American leverage. It says China's record on nonproliferation has improved. Beijing has signed international nuclear control accords and has ceased support to Pakistan and Iran's nuclear weapons programs since the 1990's.

Thomas Countryman, the top State Department official on nonproliferation, told a congressional hearing Thursday that failure to implement the agreement "would be taken by the Chinese as a step backward by the United States from our professed desire to be partners where we can and to manage our differences where we have them."

But he acknowledged China has yet to show "the necessary capability and will" to stop illicit transfers of sensitive technology, including to Iran's ballistic missile program by Chinese national Li Fangwei, also known as Karl Lee, who has a \$5 million U.S. reward on his head.

"There is a demonstrated wanton disregard for export restrictions in China," Rep. Gerry Connolly, a Democrat from Virginia, told Thursday's hearing. □



In this May 17, 2015 file-pool photo, Secretary of State John Kerry shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.

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3 years after theater attack, grieving families face future

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Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AP)

— Each morning for nearly three months, Sandy Phillips would wake at dawn, drive seven minutes to the courthouse, down a cup of coffee and wait an hour to listen to testimony about why her daughter was shot to death in a Colorado movie theater.

It was a painful, yet oddly comforting routine. Now that her daughter's killer has been convicted and his long trial is coming to a close, she wonders how she will cope without the proceedings that gave structure and meaning to each day.

"The trial was a job that we did," said Phillips, who sat in the courtroom for nearly nine hours every day during the 11-week trial, wrapped in her daughter Jessica Ghawi's emerald green scarf, with her husband, Lonnie, by her side. "The hardest part for us is what do we do next? And what does that look like? We don't know yet. Everyone who has been involved in this, we're going to have to redefine ourselves emotionally."

Three years after James Holmes opened fire on a crowded midnight premiere of a Batman movie, relatives and survivors face an unsettled future. A jury last week convicted the gunman of killing 12 people and wounding dozens



In this July 16, 2015 photo, Caren Teves, right, who lost her son Alex in the 2012 Aurora movie theatre massacre, sits with her friend Sandy Phillips, left, whose daughter Jessica Ghawi was killed in the attack, during an interview with The Associated Press, at a park near the Arapahoe County District Court, in Centennial, Colo.

more on July 20, 2012. With only Holmes' sentencing remaining, victims of the chilling attack will soon pass out of the national spotlight. Their families won't be coming together in the courtroom each day to share a laugh or a hug between sobs. And while the court case brought answers that were helpful to some, the trial's looming end leaves others feeling empty.

"I mean, look at all the Columbine victims. Does anyone even remember their names and faces anymore?" said Caren Teves, whose 24-year-old son, Alex, had just earned a

master's degree in counseling psychology and died shielding his girlfriend from the gunfire. In the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, two students killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves at the school in Littleton, Colorado.

Teves and her husband, Tom, will continue their effort to urge news organizations to focus more on the victims and less on gunmen after mass shootings. Last week, Tom jumped in front of a bank of TV cameras holding a T-shirt with all 12 victims' faces, yelling, "They're going to be forgotten. Right? They're go-

ing to be forgotten. Everybody in this world is going to move on, except these 12 families."

They've also started a scholarship foundation in Alex's name. But they understand that as the spotlight fades on the criminal case, so will it fade on their son. "It's eventually going to happen," Caren Teves said. "And it's all just part of the heartbreak."

For 11 weeks, the families came in separate cars from separate homes to the courthouse, where they would sit together and cry together and occasionally share a meal together. During court, they passed

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tissues during wrenching testimony, averted their eyes from gruesome photographs and watched Holmes with disgust. That's when bonds of friendship formed. "It's this realization that it's really coming to an end. All these people we've become close to will be leaving us," Phillips said last week as court let out and relatives scattered into the parking lot. She said she asked prosecutors about the possibility of holding a group session for families on how to manage their heavy, post-trial emotions. Phillips and Teves have become particularly close, sharing phone calls and text messages at moments they instinctually know will be difficult. When a coroner described the autopsies of their children, they sat side by side, holding hands.

"There's an unspoken understanding we have that translates into an unspoken comfort we give each other," Phillips said. She and Lonnie sold their home in San Antonio and bought an RV, which they parked outside a generous stranger's home and have been living in since the trial began. The Teves have been living in a hotel. They will soon return to their Phoenix home to be near their surviving sons.

The Phillipses plan to travel the country helping victims understand how they can advocate for themselves after tragedies. □

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Rain calms California fire that jumped freeway, burned cars

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A rare summer storm allowed firefighters to contain 60 percent of a wildfire that swept across a California interstate highway, torching vehicles and sending people running for their lives.

Light rain and moist air dampened the blaze in the mountainous Cajon Pass, 55 miles (89 kilometers) northeast of Los Angeles, the main artery between Southern California and Las Vegas.

The wind-driven fire was sparked Friday afternoon below the elevated lanes of Interstate 15. Pushed by 40 mph (64 kph) winds, it raced up a hill and onto the traffic-clogged freeway, trapping hundreds of people amid a cauldron of smoke, flames and ash.

The flames destroyed 20 vehicles on the freeway before heading into the neighboring community of Baldy Mesa, where it burned seven homes and destroyed 44 more vehicles.

In all, the fire burned about 8.5 square miles (22 square kilometers).

Two people were injured. Both suffered minor smoke inhalation, authorities said, but they declined medical attention.

California is in the midst of a severe drought, and wildfires are common. Some break out near freeways, but it's very unusual to have vehicles caught in the flames.

It being a Friday afternoon, however, Interstate 15 was typically jammed with vehicles traveling between Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Adding to the congestion was construction work in the area.

Another wildfire that broke out Friday night in

the San Gabriel Mountains and forced the evacuation of 300 campers in nearby Wrightwood. It was 40 percent contained after burning about 200 acres (80 hectares). □

A burned-out vehicle is seen on Saturday, July 18, 2015, in the rural community of Baldy Mesa, Calif.

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70 years after WWII, Japanese company apologizes to U.S. POWs

ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Saying they felt a "deep sense of ethical responsibility for a past tragedy," executives from a major Japanese corporation gave an unprecedented apology Sunday to a 94-year-old U.S. prisoner of war for using American POWs for forced labor during World War II.

At the solemn ceremony hosted by the Museum of Tolerance at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, James Murphy of Santa Maria, California, accepted the apology he had sought for 70 years on behalf of U.S. POWs from executives of Mitsubishi Materials Corp.

Hikaru Kimura, senior executive officer for Mitsubishi Materials Corp., said through a translator that the company offered a "most remorseful apology" to the about 900 POWs who suffered "harsh, severe hardships" while forced to work in Mitsubishi mines and industrial plants. Murphy, who toiled in Mitsubishi copper mines and is one of the few left alive to accept such an apology, called it sincere, humble and revealing.

"This is a glorious day," said Murphy, who stood



Yukio Okamoto, Outside Board Member of Mitsubishi Materials and former Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister, left, and Hikaru Kimura, Senior Executive Officer Mitsubishi Materials, offer an apology as they hold hands with 94-year-old U.S. prisoner of war, James Murphy, at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, Sunday, July 19, 2015.

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tall and slender in a gray suit at the ceremony and looked much younger than his 94 years. "For 70 years, we wanted this." Murphy stood and shook hands with Kimura and others as cameras clicked throughout the museum theater, with giant American and Japanese flags projected side-by-side behind them. Other POWs subjected to forced labor sat in the au-

dience along with many members of Murphy's family.

Stanley Gibson, whose late father worked alongside Murphy in the mines, flew from Scotland to Los Angeles for the ceremony to represent his family after hearing about it in news reports just a few days earlier. On the stage was a photo of the two men being liberated from their captors.

The Japanese government has twice apologized to U.S. POWs used as forced laborers during World War II.

But Rabbi Abraham Cooper, an associate dean at the center whose primary focus in the past has been Holocaust education, said he and the event's other organizers believe the apology is unprecedented from a major Japanese

company.

Cooper, Murphy and others who spoke urged more Japanese companies to come forward to express their own remorse.

The ceremony was preceded by a private apology that ended with a long, deep bow from the Mitsubishi representatives. "I entered the room with a heavy heart, seeking forgiveness," said Yukio Okamoto, outside board member for Mitsubishi.

Murphy said that after 70 years it was "the first time we've heard those words. They touch the heart."

Murphy was gracious and beaming throughout the ceremony, expressing little bitterness or sorrow on what he called a happy day. He stressed that the apology was not half-hearted, qualified or self-aggrandizing for Mitsubishi.

He said the apology "admits to wrongdoing, makes sincere statement showing deep remorse," and offers assurances that the wrongs will never be repeated.

"I know that we can trust those words," Murphy said. Others, including one Mitsubishi representative, struck a sadder tone over how long the apology took. "We also have to apologize for not apologizing earlier," Okamoto said. □

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Pentagon chief Carter in Israel seeks deeper military ties

ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — U.S.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Sunday he has no expectation of persuading Israeli leaders to drop their opposition to the Iran nuclear deal, but will instead emphasize that the accord imposes no limits on what Washington can do to ensure the security of Israel and U.S. Arab allies.

"Our ability to carry out that strategy is unchanged," Carter told reporters aboard his plane en route to Tel Aviv.

The Obama administration reserves the right to use military force against Iran if necessary, he added, although the nuclear deal is intended to preclude that by resolving the issue diplomatically.

Carter is scheduled to meet with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon on Monday and with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday before traveling to Saudi Arabia and Jordan to consult on the implications of the Iran deal and to assess progress in the regional campaign against the Islamic State group. One of the bases used for U.S.-led training and arming of moderate Syrian rebels is in Jordan, and the Jordanian air force has carried out strikes against Islamic State militants in Syria. One Jordanian pilot was captured and killed by the militants.

Netanyahu has been harshly critical of the Iran nuclear deal, asserting that it clears the way for Iran to build nuclear weapons that would threaten Israel's existence and ultimately diminish U.S. and global security. "I'm not going to change anybody's mind in Israel," Carter said in the interview. "We can agree to disagree."

In his remarks, Carter re-

peatedly mentioned that the Iran deal places no limitations on the U.S. defense strategy or its military presence in the Middle East, which includes warplanes, an aircraft carrier and tens of thousands of troops. He gave no indication, however, that the Pentagon plans immediate moves to bolster that presence, which is anchored by the Navy's 5th fleet headquarters in Bahrain, an air operations center in Qatar and a military headquarters in Kuwait running the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

In the interview, Carter previewed the message he will convey to Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia on behalf of President Barack Obama, who already has called a number of Middle East leaders to reaffirm U.S. support and to explain the Iran deal.

"This is a good deal," Carter said. "It removes a critical element of danger, threat and uncertainty from the region," and does so in a way that can be verified not only by the U.S. but by the international community.

Asked whether he thinks the Iran accord makes it more likely that Israel will launch a pre-emptive military strike on Iran, Carter noted that the U.S. has discussed military options with Israel for a number of years.

"One of the reasons this deal is a good one is that it does nothing to prevent the military option — the U.S. military option, which I'm responsible for" and which will be improved and preserved, he said.

The U.S.-Israel defense relationship has deepened in recent years, even as tensions between the two over how to contain Iran's nuclear program has grown.

The U.S. has invested hundreds of millions in an Israeli air defense system known as Iron Dome, designed to shoot down short-range rockets, mortars and artillery shells fired into northern Israel from southern Lebanon and into Israel's south from the Gaza Strip. The U.S. has worked with Israel on anti-missile systems and a wide range of other defenses.

Two years ago the Pentagon committed to providing advanced radars for Israel's fleet of fighter jets and KC-135 refueling aircraft, and making Israel the first country to buy the V-22 Osprey hybrid airplane-helicopter.

Just two months ago Washington announced a \$1.9 billion arms sale to Israel for a range of missiles and bombs, including bunker busters that can penetrate reinforced defenses to reach underground targets. Not included is the Pentagon's biggest bunker buster bomb.

Israeli officials insist they are not prepared to discuss American "compensation" for the Iran deal, saying that would imply acceptance of the accord. Israel believes there are loopholes in the deal that will allow Iran to emerge as a nuclear power eventually.

"Everybody talks about compensating Israel," Netanyahu said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"I guess the question you have to ask yourself is, if this deal is supposed to make Israel and our Arab neighbors safer, why should we be compensated with anything?"

The U.S. and Israel have been holding talks on renewing a 10-year defense pact set to expire in 2018. Under the current deal, Israel receives about \$3 billion in military aid from the U.S.



U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter pauses as he speaks to media on a military aircraft, Sunday, July 19, 2015, en route to Tel Aviv, Israel, from Andrews Air Force Base, MD.

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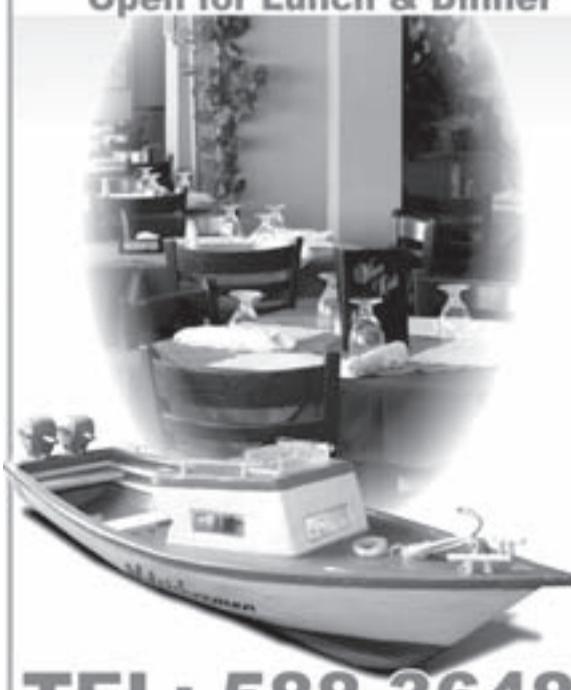
each year. That number is likely to increase when the deal is renewed, and possibly before then.

Obama has indicated he is open to new ways of im-

proving Israeli security, but he has played down the idea that ending economic penalties on Iran will drastically alter the balance of power in the region. □

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LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister David Cameron is launching a five-year plan to defeat Islamic extremism, saying it is time to coun-

ter the ideology that has attracted so many young people to the Islamic State group.

In a speech prepared for delivery Monday in Bir-

UK's Cameron offers plan to attraction of extremism

mingham, Cameron says that the extremist ideology of the group, also known as ISIL, must be countered to create a more cohesive nation in which young Muslims feel they have a stake. Excerpts were released by Cameron's office.

Many people born in Britain have little attachment to the country and that makes them vulnerable to radicalization, Cameron says.

"Indeed, there is a danger in some of our communities that you can go your whole life and have little to do with people from other faiths and backgrounds,"

he says. "So when groups like ISIL seek to rally our young people to their poisonous cause, it can offer them a sense of belonging that they can lack here at home."

The prime minister is expected to announce a study designed to find ways to increase opportunities for young people from ethnic minorities and increase their integration in society. Cameron also takes on the sensitive question of the role Britain's Muslim community should play in fighting Islamic State, saying extreme views such as

believing in a "Jewish conspiracy" and opposition to "fundamental liberal values" are the gateway to violence.

"There are so many strong, positive Muslim voices being drowned out," he says.

"Ask yourself, how is it possible that when young teenagers leave their London homes to fight for ISIL, the debate focuses on whether the security services are to blame?

"When we allow the extremists to set the terms of the debate in this way, is it any wonder that people are attracted to this ideology?" □

New German euroskeptic founded by familiar face

BERLIN (AP) — A founding member of Germany's upstart Alternative for Germany party, who left after losing the leadership to a bitter rival, announced the creation of a new party Sunday with a fiscally conservative euroskeptic message.

Bernd Lucke, the former leader of the Alternative for Germany or AfD, said a group of 70 supporters had backed the idea of founding the "Alliance for Progress and Renewal," which will be known by its German abbreviation ALFA.

The decision came at closed meeting of Lucke's "Wake Up Call 2015" organization in Kassel, the dpa news agency reported. Lucke said some 5,000 people had already shown interest in the new party and he would serve as chairman.

Under Lucke, AfD narrowly missed the 5 percent threshold needed to enter



In this July 4, 2015 picture Alternative fuer Deutschland party co-chairs Bernd Lucke, left, and Frauke Petry attend the party conference in Essen, Germany.

Associated Press

this month after he lost a leadership vote to Frauke Petry, a businesswoman who accused Lucke of focusing too much on opposing the euro currency.

Lucke, who complained of ever-stronger anti-Islamic and anti-foreigner views in the AfD, said under Petry "the party has fallen irretrievably into the wrong hands." □



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Shiite rebel shelling in Yemen near Aden kills at least 45

AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

SANA'A, Yemen (AP) — Shiite rebels and their allies in Yemen randomly shelled a town Sunday outside of Aden after losing control of some of the port city's neighborhoods, killing at least 45 people and wounding 120, officials said.

The violence highlighted the bloody chaos of the civil war gripping the Arab world's poorest country, which also has been the target of Saudi-led, U.S.-backed airstrikes since late March.

A leader with the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, denied shelling Dar Saad, a town just north of Aden and long home to fighters resisting their advances. But Yemeni medical officials and a doctor with an international aid organization said the shelling clearly came from the north and east of Dar Saad — areas under rebel control.

Aden, the scene of some of the war's fiercest ground battles, saw Saudi-backed troops and fighters seize from the Houthis some of its neighborhoods and its international airport last week. Sunday's shelling in Dar Saad appeared to be a way to both punish those



Fighters against Shiite rebels known as Houthis gather at the frontline of fighting against Houthis fighters in the port city of Aden, Yemen, Thursday, July 16, 2015.

resisting the Houthis, as well as halt the advance of their opponents.

Yemeni medical and military officials said hundreds of residents fled Dar Saad amid the shelling as ambulance rushed through the streets, sirens wailing. They said the shelling killed at least 45 people and wounded 120, all believed to be civilians.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to brief

journalists.

Abdu Mohammed Madrabi, 65, said he was in line outside the post office to collect his pension when the shells hit, causing chaos. Madrabi, who was wounded in the neck, back and leg, said many private cars carried the wounded to hospitals because there weren't enough ambulances.

The shelling was intense in the neighborhood of Sharqiya, hundreds of meters

screams of children and women," he said. "Why all that shelling? There are no weapons or fighters here. They (the rebels) want to terrorize us and drive us out. This is only rancor and hate."

Zeifullah al-Shami, a Houthi leader, denied targeting civilians in the shelling, saying his forces were engaging the rivals on the front lines.

"This is part of the media deception," he said. "We didn't kill civilians."

However, the rebels had vowed to retaliate after losing ground in Aden. The rebels now are largely based in Aden's western neighborhood of Tawahi, as well as bases east of Aden and in Lahj province, north of the city. Saudi-backed fighters also are advancing on a military air base in Lahj province.

Sunday night, anti-Houthi forces linked up in Tawahi from the north and south at the state television building, a Yemeni military official said. He claimed anti-Houthi forces fully controlled the area and said they were searching residences for rebels, some of whom had fled to nearby mountains.

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from the post office.

"It's been one shell after the other since the morning," said Arwa Mohammed, a resident of Sharqiya locked up in one room with her seven-member family for safety. "We are feeling the house is going to collapse over our head."

Anis Othman, a neighbor of Mohammed, also described a scene of pandemonium.

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In an IS training camp, children told: Behead the doll

ZEINA KARAM

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Associated Press

SANLIURFA, Turkey (AP) —

The children had all been shown videos of beheadings and told by their trainers with the Islamic State group that they would perform one someday. First, they had to practice technique. The more than 120 boys were each given a doll and a sword and told, cut off its head.

A 14-year-old who was among the boys, all abducted from Iraq's Yazidi religious minority, said he couldn't cut it right. He chopped once, twice, three times.

"Then they taught me how to hold the sword, and they told me how to hit. They told me it was the head of the infidels," the boy, renamed Yahya by his IS captors, told The Associated Press last week in northern Iraq, where he fled after escaping the IS training camp.

When Islamic State extremists overran Yazidi towns in northern Iraq last year, they butchered older men and enslaved many of the women and girls. Dozens of young Yazidi boys like Yahya had a different fate: The IS sought to re-educate them. They forced them to convert to Islam from their ancient faith and tried to turn them into jihadi fighters. It is part of a concerted effort by the extremists to



In this photo released on April 25, 2015 by a militant website, which has been verified and is consistent with other AP reporting, young boys known as the "lion cubs" hold rifles during a parade after graduating from a religious school in Tal Afar, near Mosul, northern Iraq.

Associated Press

build a new generation of militants, according to AP interviews with residents who fled or still live under IS in Syria and Iraq. The group is recruiting teens and children using gifts, threats and brainwashing. Boys have been turned into killers and suicide bombers. An IS video issued last week showed a boy beheading a Syrian soldier under an adult militant's supervision. Last month, a video showed 25 children unflinchingly shooting 25 captured Syr-

ian soldiers in the head. In schools and mosques, militants infuse children with extremist doctrine, often turning them against their own parents. Fighters in the street befriend children with toys. IS training camps churn out the Ashbal, Arabic for "lion cubs," child fighters for the "caliphate" that IS declared across its territory. The caliphate is a historic form of Islamic rule that the group claims to be reviving with its own radical interpretation, though the

vast majority of Muslims reject its claims.

"I am terribly worried about future generations," said Abu Hafs Naqshabandi, a Syrian sheikh who runs religion classes for refugees in the Turkish city of Sanliurfa to counter IS ideology. The indoctrination mainly targets Sunni Muslim children. In IS-held towns, militants show young people videos at street booths. They hold outdoor events for children, distributing soft drinks and candy — and

propaganda.

They tell adults, "We have given up on you, we care about the new generation," said an anti-IS activist who fled the Syrian city of Raqqa, the extremists' de facto capital. He spoke on condition of anonymity to preserve the safety of relatives under IS rule.

With the Yazidis, whom IS considers heretics ripe for slaughter, the group sought to take another community's youth, erase their past and replace it with radicalism.

Yahya, his little brother, their mother and hundreds of Yazidis were captured when IS seized the Iraqi town of Sulagh in August. They were taken to Raqqa, where the brothers and other Yazidi boys aged 8 to 15 were put in the Farouq training camp. They were given Muslim Arabic names to replace their Kurdish names. Yahya asked that AP not use his real name for his and his family's safety. He spent nearly five months there, training eight to 10 hours a day, including exercises, weapons drills and Quranic studies. They told him Yazidis are "dirty" and should be killed, he said. They showed him how to shoot someone from close range. The boys hit each other in some exercises. Yahya punched his 10-year-old brother, knocking out a tooth. □



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Cuba's Yorbis Borroto (35) celebrates after hitting a 3-run home run off Puerto Rico pitcher Raul Rivera to tie the score 6-6 during the ninth inning of the bronze medal baseball game at the Pan Am Games, Sunday, July 19, 2015, in Ajax, Ontario. Cuba won 7-6.

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Cuba, U.S. improve relations, but sports defections continue

STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

TORONTO (AP) — The manager of Cuba's baseball team at the Pan Am Games wanted nothing to do with questions about defections to the United States. Cuba has acknowledged that two players defected during warm-up games two weeks ago in the United States, and last week four rowers at the Pan Am Games in Canada left the team and crossed the American border.

Cuban athletes have a history of defecting, and that hasn't changed even as the United States and Cuba open embassies on Monday in the other's country, ending more than 50 years of separation.

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ALMOST DUNNE



Irish amateur Paul leading the British Open

Ireland's Paul Dunne, left, acknowledges the crowd on the 18th green during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland, Sunday, July 19, 2015.

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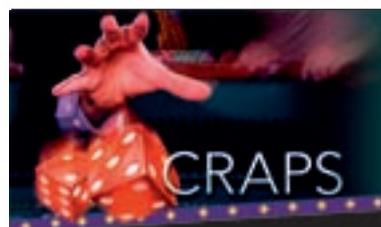


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3-time world surf champ fights off shark comp

LYNSEY CHUTEL
 Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Knocked off his board by an attacking shark, three-time world champion Mick Fanning punched the

creature before escaping unharmed during the televised finals of a world surfing competition in South Africa on Sunday. The Australian surfer was struck by the shark from

behind and knocked into the water as he sat on his board waiting his turn during the JBay Open in Jeffrey's Bay in the Eastern Cape Province. As he scans the water, two

fins appear and with a splash he disappears under the surface. He is next seen furiously trying to swim to safety before a rescuer pulls him out of the water. "A big sigh of relief seeing

Fanning said in an interview. "There's a small depression in my board and my leg wrap (was) bitten. I'm just totally tripping out. To walk away from that, I'm just so stoked. Oh man."

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In this image made available by the World Surf League, Australian surfer Mick Flanning is pursued by a shark, in Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa, Sunday, July 19, 2015.

Associated Press

Fanning in one piece," a commentator is heard saying, on the video of the event posted on the World Surf League website. "I felt something grab, get stuck in my leg rope and instantly jump away. And it just kept coming at my board," Fanning said, once safe on the rescue boat. Fanning said at first he swam away but then decided to defend himself and turned to punch the shark in the back.

"I saw it taking my board away and I just started cracking it," he told a crowd that gathered around him once he was back on shore, referring to how he struck the shark.

"I'm totally fine. I've got nothing wrong with me,"

Fanning's mother, Elizabeth Osborne, who watched the incident live on television in Australia, wept as she told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio the attack was "the worst thing I've ever seen happen to any of my family because it was just there in front of me."

Osborne said she believes Fanning's brother Sean, who died in a car accident 17 years ago, was watching over his sibling.

The World Surf League cancelled the remainder of the event and Fanning will split the prize money with fellow Australian surfer Julian Wilson, who was also in the water when the attack happened.

The two will share second place. □

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Spieth, amateur Paul Dunne eyeing history at St. Andrews

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland

(AP) — For a place dripping with centuries of history, St. Andrews got more than it could have wanted Sunday.

Jordan Spieth punched his golf bag in frustration after a careless bogey, perhaps sensing the British Open was slipping away. Just like that, and because this is what Spieth does in big moments, he salvaged his bid for a Grand Slam. He made three straight birdies. He took 10 putts on the inward nine. And when he walked off the 18th green, he had a 6-under 66 and was one shot behind with one round left.

"I'm going to play to win," Spieth said. "I'm not playing for a place. I don't want to place third tomorrow. I want to win."

But if there is history in the making at the home of golf, it no longer has to come from just Spieth.

Fans who filled the two-story grandstand and watched from the tops of buildings on Golf Place witnessed a moment not seen at St. Andrews in 88 years — an amateur in the lead going into the final round of the British Open.

Paul Dunne, the 22-year-old from Ireland, rolled in putts like this was the prestigious St. Andrews Links Trophy for amateurs instead of the oldest championship in golf. He played bogey-free for a 66 and shared the lead with former Open champion Louis Oosthuizen and Jason Day.

Bobby Jones is the last amateur to win the British Open in 1930 when he came from one shot behind in the final round. He was the last amateur to lead after 54 holes three years earlier at St. Andrews, and he won the claret jug that year, too.

Can it happen again?

"It's surreal I'm leading the Open, but I can easily believe that I shot the three scores that I shot," Dunne said. "If we were playing

an amateur event here, I wouldn't be too surprised by the scores I shot. It's just lucky that it happens to be in the biggest event in the world.

"Hopefully, I can do it again tomorrow," he said. "But whether I do or not, I'll survive either way."

The way the weather-delayed Open ended on Sunday, expect just about anything.

Oosthuizen, the last player to lift the claret jug at St. Andrews in 2010 and a runner-up at the U.S. Open last month, birdied three of his last five holes for a 67. Day is just as big of a threat. He shot 67 and shared the lead for the second straight major, and he has challenged in four of them since 2011.

They were at 12-under 214, one shot ahead of Spieth with plenty of others that cannot be dismissed. Fourteen players were separated by three shots. Half of them were major champions, and there was yet another amateur among them — 21-year-old Jordan Niebrugge of Oklahoma State.

Such an opportunity might not come around again for Spieth. Only three other players won the first two legs of the Grand Slam since the modern version began in 1960. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods only got one shot at it, and none ever started the final round of the British Open so close to the lead.

And so it was Spieth, a 21-year-old Texan with an uncanny sense of occasion, who brought the gray, old town to life in a mixture of sunshine and rain. He rolled in birdie putts on the 10th, 11th and 12th holes to share the lead. He saved par from the high grass on the 13th, stuffed his approach to 4 feet for birdie on the 15th and made another tough par save on the Road Hole at the 17th. A victory would send him to the PGA Championship with a shot at the Grand

Slam, and at worse put him in elite company. Ben Hogan in 1953 is the only other player to capture the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open in the same year.

"Only one person has ever done it before. That opportunity very rarely comes around," Spieth said. "And I'd like to have a chance to do something nobody has ever done. ... To be able to go into the last major and accomplish something that's never been done in our sport is something that only comes around to a couple people ever. And I'd like to be one of those people to have that happen." □



South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen plays from the 12th tee watched by Ireland's Paul Dunne during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland, Sunday, July 19, 2015.

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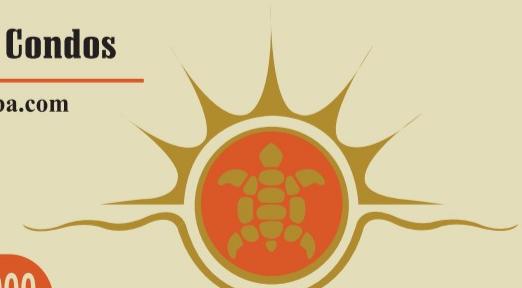
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Kyle Busch holds the Loudon lobster trophy in Victory Lane, as his wife, right, Samantha holding son Brexton looks on, after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H., Sunday, July 19, 2015

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Kyle Busch races to third win of the year

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LOUDON, N.H. (AP)—Stuck in a hospital, Kyle Busch could only think about a comeback, not championship contention. Could Busch imagine, days after a horrific crash, he would become a title contender? "Yeah, right," he said. "You're crazy."

Nothing seems preposter-

ous these days for Busch, whose dormant-to-dominant run over the last two months has not only made him a regular in victory lane, but steamrolled him toward the cusp of a Chase berth.

Busch rolled on Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, winning for the second straight weekend and the third time in the last four NASCAR Sprint Cup races.

"This is something I'm not sure we ever would have expected," Busch said. Busch isn't where he needs to be in the standings quite yet. His three wins are certainly enough to earn a Chase for the Sprint Cup championship berth. He's still outside the top 30 in points, which is the second major qualifier to race for the title in the final 10 races of the season.

Busch won at Sonoma Raceway and last week at Kentucky Speedway and is 33rd in the standings, 58 points behind David Gilliland for 30th.

Cole Whitt is 31st and Brett Moffitt 32nd, easy pickings for Busch.

"I'm not sure we've unleashed the beast at all," Busch said.

Busch broke his right leg and left foot in a crash the day before the season-opening Daytona 500. He missed the first 11 races of the season, then returned in late May determined to earn a playoff spot.

Busch, who last won at New Hampshire in July 2006, said Friday he still is bothered by the leg injuries.

The aches hardly seemed to matter in the No. 18 Toyota.

"We've got to keep doing our deal," Busch said. "Every week it keeps getting better and better."

Busch has gained 70 points on the 30th spot over the last two races and is not only a threat to qualify for the Chase — but to win it all for Joe Gibbs Racing should he crack the 16-driver field.

"Ever since that injury, he's been on it," Gibbs said. "I don't know what (the deficit is) now but it's sure helping."

With Busch in the field or not, JGR has three other contenders in Carl Edwards, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth. Kenseth finished sixth,

Edwards started from the pole and was seventh, and Hamlin 14th. JGR took four of the top-five spots at Kentucky.

Busch won and Hamlin-Edwards-Kenseth went 3-4-5.

"I think we're certainly back, closer," Gibbs said. "I don't know that we've turned the corner."

NASCAR granted Busch a waiver upon his return that made him Chase eligible, should he qualify. He has seven races left to crack the top 30 before the Chase opens Sept. 20 at Chicagoland Speedway. □

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Despite big lead, Froome on defensive at Tour

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AP Sports Writer

VALENCE, France (AP) — Despite his comfortable lead in the Tour de France, Chris Froome heads into the Alps — the last big hurdle between him and victory in Paris — on the defensive.

Not against other contenders for the podium. They are long gone in the British rider's rear-view mirror. But against skeptics created by the cheating of Lance Armstrong and other dopers, and against the legions of fans they betrayed.

For many of those cycling fans, Froome's performances are so good that they must be too good to be true.

The leader of Team Sky said one spectator even hurled a cup of urine at him this weekend, shouting "Doper!"

In short, Froome finds himself in the impossible position of being damned by his own success. No matter how many times he insists that he is clean, the words fall on deaf ears. As they would: After all, Armstrong used to say that, too.

Froome understands that. He knows that the yellow jersey he wears has been so soiled by the deceit of those who wore it before him that some of that dirt, deservedly or not, is going to rub off on him, too.

Being doubted, being hauled over of the coals of suspicion day-in, day-out, is the bill that must be paid now for winning a post-Armstrong Tour, especially when you're crushing rivals with apparent ease like the American did on the seven Tour victories that were later stripped from him.

Two weeks in, the skepticism is getting under Froome's very thick skin. It's hard to find a more mild-mannered chap in the peloton than the gangly, sometimes awkward, Kenya-born Briton. But as he prepares for the Alps, the ultimate test at this Tour, a hardening in his attitude

and tone is unmistakable. He blames "very irresponsible" media for turning public opinion against him. He started on that theme Saturday after the urine incident and developed it Sunday after safely negotiating Stage 15 that ended with a bunch sprint won by Andre Greipel. It

was the German's third victory at this Tour, and it left Froome's large lead intact. "If people are led to believe that these performances are not legitimate, that's what's going to push them to start booing, and to start punching and spitting and throwing urine on riders," Froome said. □



Germany's Andre Greipel celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 183 kilometers (113.7 miles) with start in Mende and finish in Valence, France., Sunday, July 19, 2015

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Cuba, U.S.

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"I'm not interested in talking about this," said Roger Machado, manager of Cuba's baseball team. "Talk to me about baseball."

Roberto Ramirez, Cuba's media representative at the games, declined comment about the rowers.

"We're not speaking in regard to this," he told The Associated Press on Sunday. "This is a right that we have."

Many Cuban athletes at the games declined to talk on the record, and those who did defended the government and criticized those leaving.

Cubans living in Canada and attending Pan Am events spoke more openly, acknowledging the pull of big money. But some declined to speak, showing hostility at being asked about an act that some regard as treason.

At a Gold Cup soccer game on Saturday against the United States in Baltimore, Cuba listed five players as absent and gave no reason.



Cuba's Jose Garcia, top center, is mobbed by teammates after hitting a walk off home run off Puerto Rico pitcher Raul Rivera in the ninth inning of the bronze medal baseball game at the Pan Am Games, Sunday, July 19, 2015, in Ajax, Ontario. Cuba won 7-6.

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"They've chosen their path," Cuba coach Raul Gonzalez said, without giving details.

Mijain Lopez, the two-time defending Olympic gold medalist in greco-roman wrestling, was reported almost five years ago to have defected to the Unit-

ed States. It's a rumor he denied at the time, and again this week.

"I never thought of leaving Cuba," he told The Associated Press at the Pan Am Games. "I love my people, my country. Those guys (that defected) have betrayed our revolution. I

hope they're happy. They have left something beautiful behind, which is socialism and our country's dignity. Let them do what they can in other countries. We will continue doing what we can for the revolution." A fellow Cuban gold-medal wrestler at the Pan Am Games used a similar tone.

"I don't stick my nose in politics," said Reineris Salas, after defeating American Jake Herbert for gold in freestyle in the 86-kilogram class.

"All I know is I won gold

and dedicate it to my family, to Fidel Castro and all of Cuba."

Cuba-born Rafael Borrell attended a Cuba vs. United States baseball game at the games. He wore a white Cuba baseball jersey with No. 10 on the back, and a red cap with "Cuba" written in script above the bill.

Borrell immigrated to Canada 20 years ago and works as a carpenter.

"Maybe in two or three

years it won't matter," he said. "People can go back and forth like in any other place so then they won't have to be killed by sharks going to Florida."

Borrell said many Cubans were unaware of defections, since the government doesn't publicize them, and some people are too busy to care.

"In a couple of years, maybe these baseball players can sign a contract to play with the Yankees and come back (to Cuba) and just be normal — like in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico. They can go back and forth like human beings."

Cuba-born Enrique Montana showed off a foul ball he caught at the Cuba-U.S. game. He immigrated to Canada five years ago and now has a Canadian passport.

"I think people should be able to choose the path they want," Montana said, drowned out by chants of "CU-ba, CU-ba."

"If people want to stay, they stay. If they want to leave, they leave."

It's not that simple. Dozens of baseball players have defected, including stars like Jose Abreu of the Chicago White Sox, Yasiel Puig of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Aroldis Chapman of the Cincinnati Reds. They leave family behind, and reunification is never easy. The Cuban government also loses millions in training athletes who eventually flee.

"It doesn't upset me," said Montana, who works in construction in Canada.

"Maybe it upsets somebody else. It's not my problem. Everybody has a right to choose whatever they want. If I had a chance to play on the grass in the United States and make those millions, I'd go." □



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Hitchhiking robot embarks on coast-to-coast tour across U.S.

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — With its thumb raised skyward and a grin on its digital face, the robotic creation of two researchers in Canada embarked on a hitchhiking journey across the U.S. on Friday.

The humanoid robot named hitchBOT has already caught rides across Canada and in Europe, relying on the kindness and curiosity of strangers. But this is its first U.S. tour, setting out from Massachusetts with dreams of San Francisco ahead.

Along the way, it hopes to see some quintessential American sites, including Times Square, Mount Rushmore and the Grand Canyon.

To start the journey, its creators set it alongside a road in Marblehead with tape wrapped around its cylindrical head that read "San Francisco or bust." Not long after, a group of German tourists picked it up and strapped it into their SUV with plans to take it to Boston or New York.

The kid-size robot is immobile on its own, so it gets from place to place by being schlepped around by strangers. Travelers can pass it off to others they meet, or leave it at a gas station or shop. They just leave it seated on its kickstand with its thumb raised. Ideally, the creators hope, drivers won't leave the bot along busy roads and will charge the battery when it runs low. Otherwise, there are no rules.

"We want to see what people do with this kind of technology when we leave it up to them," said Frauke Zeller, one of the creators and an assistant professor in professional communica-

cation at Toronto's Ryerson University. "It's an art project in the wild — it invites people to participate." On the outside, hitchBOT looks like it's built for play

ies at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. "The head is actually an acrylic cake-saver."

Designed to be a talking travel companion, the ro-

A GPS in the robot can track its location, and a camera randomly snaps photos about every 20 minutes to document its travels. But the team behind

researchers are asking, Zeller said, is whether robots can trust humans. During past travels, the robot has attended a comic convention and a wed-



German tourist Eric Vogel straps a seatbelt around HitchBOT, a hitchhiking robot, as Vogel and his traveling companions give hitchBOT its first ride Friday, July 17, 2015, in Marblehead, Mass.

Associated Press

rather than performance. It has a bucket for a body and bendy foam limbs capped by yellow gardening gloves and matching rubber boots. The whimsical attire is intentional, its makers said, to make it approachable and to deter potential thieves.

"It has a really low-tech look to it, something we dubbed the 'yard-sale aesthetic,'" said David Harris Smith, the other creator and an assistant professor in communication stud-

ies at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. "The head is actually an acrylic cake-saver."

So far, there are no signs of anything nefarious done to the robot, but there's also no proof. Its creators intentionally cast their gaze aside.

"We want to be very careful to avoid surveillance technologies with this; that's not what we're trying to do here," Smith said.

the robot seeks permission from people in the photos before posting them to social media, where hitchBOT has built a devoted fan base.

More than 30,000 people follow the robot on Twitter, and dozens have posted their own selfies with it. Researchers are culling data from social media to study how people interact with a robot that needs their help, unlike traditional robots designed to help them.

Among the chief questions

ding, and it had its portrait painted in the Netherlands. It once spent a week with a heavy metal band.

The cross-country tour of Canada took 26 days, spanning more than 6,000 miles. As for the U.S. trip, researchers don't know how long it will take or what will happen along the way.

"We want to create something that has a bit of narrative to it, a sense of adventure," Smith said. "We don't really know what's going to happen." □

Nuclear deal has companies eyeing Iranian opportunities anew

ADAM SCHRECK

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The nuclear deal is done. Now it's time to talk business.

While it will likely be months before sanctions on Iran ease, business and political leaders are wasting no time in trying to tap into a large and what they hope will be a lucrative Iranian market.

Germany is dispatching a large trade delegation to Tehran on Sunday. Spain has a similar trip planned, and France's top diplomat is eyeing a visit too. Ads for European cars and luxury goods are starting to reappear in Tehran. Airlines in Dubai are fast adding new Iran routes to meet growing demand.

American firms, though, have to be much more cautious. Deal or no deal, U.S. sanctions not related to the nuclear program will still be in place and bar most American companies from doing business with Iran.

That means they stand to lose out to European and Asian companies — some that still have business contacts in the country before sanctions were tightened in recent years.

"It's easier to say who is at a disadvantage. And that will be U.S. firms," said Torbjorn Soltvedt, principal Middle East analyst at risk advisory company Verisk Maplecroft.

On paper, Iran holds plenty of promise. Two and a half times the size of Texas, it is home to some 80 million people, sits atop the world's fourth-largest oil reserves and the second-biggest stores of natural gas, and has well-established manufacturing and agricultural industries contributing to a \$400 billion economy.

London-based Capital Economics estimates the economy could surge ahead by 6-8 percent annually over the next several years as sanctions ease.

"Everything is in place for economic growth," said Dominic Bokor-Ingram, portfolio adviser at British



In this Jan. 22, 2014 photo, a gas flare burns in a gas refinery in South Pars gas field, on the northern coast of the Persian Gulf, in Asalouyeh, Iran.

Associated Press

asset management firm Charlemagne Capital. His company earlier this year announced a plan to launch Iranian investment

are now being handed out openly. Iran ranks only 130 out of 189 economies on the World Bank's ease-of-doing-business list.



In this picture taken on Friday, July 17, 2015, an Iranian woman walks past a Sony dealer at a shopping center in downtown Tehran, Iran.

Associated Press

funds in partnership with an Iranian company.

"Iran has infrastructure, it has the institutions, it has the education," he added. "It has a lot of highly educated people who will go back to Iran if sanctions are lifted."

Tapping the market won't be easy.

The elite Revolutionary Guard is deeply involved in the economy and corruption is such a problem that President Hassan Rouhani lamented late last year that once-secret bribes

Assuming the deal goes ahead as planned it will still take at least several months until nuclear-related sanctions are lifted. And those sanctions can quickly be slapped back on if Iran fails to live up to its end of the bargain.

That means many multinationals are unlikely to commit to big investments in the immediate future, though the staggered sanctions relief also gives companies time to gear up their operations, analysts say.

The oil industry is one area

to acquire spare parts for the planes it does operate. An earlier interim nuclear agreement gave Boeing Co. and engine-maker General Electric Co. the green light to provide some spare parts for U.S.-made planes in service in Iran since the 1970s.

Boeing says it has only sold one spare part along with some service bulletins and other materials since that deal came into force last year.

The latest agreement allows for licenses on the sale of commercial aircraft, and Transportation Minister Abbas Akhoudi has said his country is prepared to spend about \$20 billion to purchase some 400 aircraft over the coming decade. Boeing's Mideast com-



In this Thursday, July 16, 2015 photo, Iranians look at a Renault sedan at a dealership in northern Tehran, Iran.

Associated Press

where Iran could use outside investment. Fitch Ratings expects it will take years for Iran to get back to the roughly 2.5 million barrels a day it was exporting before 2012, because investment in the sector has been limited under sanctions.

Chevron Corp. spokesman Kurt Glaubitz said the company is reviewing the nuclear deal to understand its implications, but for now it remains "in strict compliance" with U.S. and international laws. Exxon Mobil Corp. declined to comment.

Another area ripe for deal-making is Iran's creaking aviation industry. Sanctions have made it impossible for Iran to buy new Western-made planes and difficult

munications head, Fakher Daghestani, said the company is reviewing the deal "but until the U.S. government gives us further direction, it would be premature to comment."

GE, which also has U.S. licenses to sell some medical equipment in Iran, said it looks forward "to reviewing the details of the agreement and will watch the regulatory landscape that may unfold."

While the Americans voice caution, Europeans are wasting little time wooing Iran.

Although planned some time ago, Germany's three-day trip led by Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel comes less than a week after the nuclear accord was reached. □

Shrinking Kodak takes on new role: startup landlord

CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, New York (AP)

— The chemical know-how and machines that spooled out countless miles of film are being eyed for medical marijuana and solar cells, while the private rail line now carries tomatoes alongside coal as photography pioneer Kodak, its bankruptcy behind it, embraces a new role: startup landlord.

The 127-year-old company had buildings and infrastructure to rival a small city when digital photography bumped its familiar yellow boxes from tourists' camera bags and took over much of Hollywood.

But rather than selling off its sprawling, 2-square-mile (5.18-square kilometer) Kodak Park campus, the company has become landlord to 58 diverse companies — and counting — that have been courted with the promise of plentiful utilities, its own railroad and unique access to Kodak's specialty technical and industrial capabilities.

"There's tremendous value in being able to repurpose the assets that exist here," said Michael Alt, the retiring director of the renamed Eastman Business Park.

For example, tenant Natcore Technology Inc. can tap Kodak's film-coating capability in its development of solar cells, and LiDestri Food & Beverage uses Kodak's short-line railroad, which brings coal to the on-site power plant, to haul the tomatoes it processes into pasta sauces and salsa.

Two medical marijuana companies want to put pharmaceutical-grade dispensaries in vacant buildings on the site if New York awards them licenses later this summer.

No one expects the site to again reach its 30,000-worker peak, but estimates for 10,000 to 11,000 employees in a few years are seen as realistic. About 6,000 people now work there, roughly 1,200 of them Kodak employees.

Alt pitches the site's 125-megawatt power

plant — capacity enough to serve the equivalent of 100,000 homes — its own water purification plant, waste water treatment facility, fire department and chemical and testing labs as amenities that let startup companies target investment toward their specific needs and get to market more quickly. With the 20-month Chapter 11 bankruptcy nearly two years in its past, companies scared off by Kodak's uncertain future have found reassurance, he and others said.

"One of the things that appealed to us was that Kodak had roll-to-roll equipment that they used in making photo film that they don't use any more because of digital cameras," said David Rutkin, spokesman for Natcore, which is relocating its corporate headquarters from Red Bank, New Jersey, to Rochester. "One of the things on our radar are flexible solar cells ... and they would be made using the same equipment."

New York state has so far committed \$100 million to efforts to re-invent the park to a multi-tenant, multi-use site. About half of that funds an environmental trust created last year to clean up and monitor damage to the land and Genesee River from more than a century of film-making. Kodak's share of the trust is \$49 million.

The other state funding has taken the form of tax incentives and grants for the tenant businesses considered crucial to tipping the 1,250-acre site from community liability to asset.

"It was a potential challenge to have such a large footprint in the heart of our community potentially go idle or not be leveraged properly," said Mark Peterson, a member of the Finger Lakes Regional Council created by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to drive economic development in the area. The council has made the Eastman Business Park its top priority for the past four years.

Saturday, demolition work

on some of the older buildings continued with the implosion of Kodak Building 53, turning it into a pile of rubble.

Given Kodak's decline, the site also offers plentiful skilled labor. All but one of Natcore's six lab employees had previously worked for Kodak.

Kodak in 2014 announced plans to sell the business park but took it off the market in the spring and has now made it a separate division. The decision followed Kodak's commitment to grow its remaining motion picture and commercial film business, which requires a hefty 4 million square feet of space, Alt said. At the federal level, Rep. Louise Slaughter has



In this July 15, 2015 photo, road signs mark a corner inside the expansive Eastman Business Park campus in Rochester, N.Y.

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nudged the Department of Defense, Department of Energy and others to take notice. The Eastman Business Park and the Energy Department's Oak Ridge

National Laboratory announced a collaboration last month that will give startup companies access to resources at either facility. □

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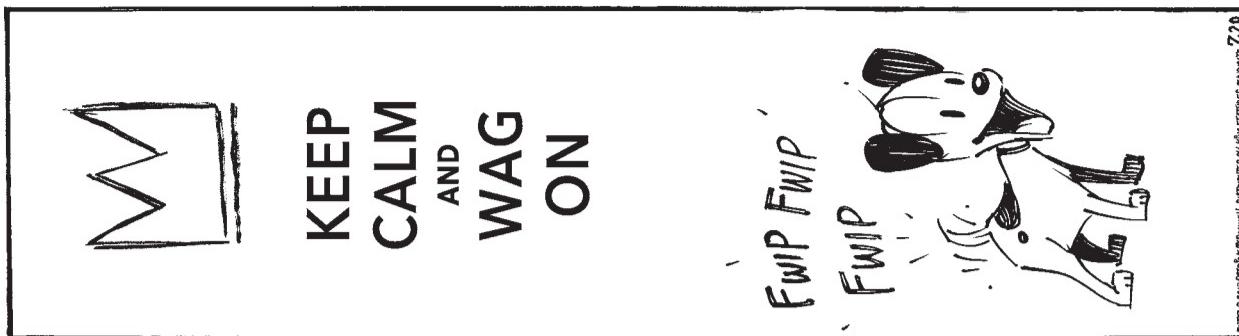
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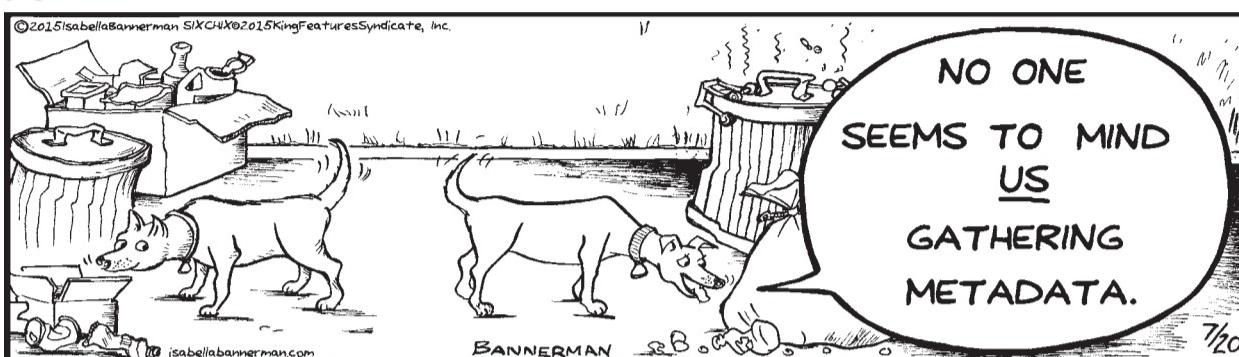
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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3	Athletic shoe brand	MEAL
4	Bits of parsley	PACE
5	Reds & Browns	ACHE
6	Quizzes	SHOVELS
7	Church spires	SADDENS
8	Edam or brie	ILK PEKOE
9	Water barrier	SKUNK HAD WEARS
10	-back; relaxed	LONG LEI ANDREA
11	Eighteen-wheeler	OAF CANNERY DAB
12	Disregards	SLIDES TAE DODO
13	Smell ; suspect trickery	HATED BET FIRST
14	Primary	VALOR BAA
15	Lazy	IMMORAL RINGLET
16	Shun	RIOT TEPID RAVE
17	Actress Storm	ONCE ERODE ALES
18	Long-faced	NIKE ROPES MAST
19	Watches	STEERER ANNoyed
20	White ant	41 Student's avg.
21	Yokel	42 " Land Is Your Land"
22	If all the same to you..."	44 Magazine head
23	Fiu symptoms	45 Actor James _
24	Move about aimlessly	47 Gruesome
25	Pesky insect	48 Make smooth
26	Doe or buck	49 One of the Great Lakes
27	Penniless	50 Female horse
28	Beer barrel	52 Donut's center
29	up; analyzes a situation	53 Bylaw
30	Singles	54 Columbo's portrayer
31	Entertain	55 Escape
32	Angry speeches	59 Remain behind
33	Wipe away	
34	Of sound mind	

Google self-driving car involved in first injury accident

JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Google Inc. revealed Thursday that one of its self-driving car prototypes was involved in an injury accident for the first time.

In the collision, a Lexus SUV that the tech giant outfitted with sensors and cameras was rear-ended in Google's home city of Mountain View, where more than 20 prototypes have been self-manuevering through traffic.

The three Google employees on board complained of minor whiplash, were checked out at a hospital and cleared to go back to work following the July 1 collision, Google said. The driver of the other car also complained of neck and back pain.

In California, a person must be behind the wheel of a self-driving car being tested on public roads to take control in an emergency. Google typically sends another employee in the front passenger seat to record details of the ride on a laptop. In this case, there was also a back seat passenger.

Google has invested heavily as a pioneer of self-driving cars, technology it believes will be safer and more efficient than human drivers.

This was the 14th accident in six years and about 1.9 million miles of testing, according to the company. Google has said that its cars have not caused any of the collisions — though in 2011 an employee who took a car to run an errand rear-ended another vehicle while the Google



In this May 13, 2015, file photo, Google's self-driving Lexus car drives along street during a demonstration at Google campus in Mountain View, Calif.

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car was out of self-driving mode.

In 11 of the 14, Google said its car was rear-ended.

In a blog posted Thursday, the head of Google's self-driving car program, Chris Urmson, wrote that his SUVs "are being hit surprisingly often" by distracted drivers, perhaps people looking at their phones.

"The clear theme is human error and inattention," Urmson wrote. "We'll take all this as a signal that we're starting to compare favorably with human drivers."

In a telephone interview, Urmson said his team was exploring whether its cars could do something to alert distracted drivers before a collision. □

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Shipwreck found off U.S. coast, possibly from late 1700s

JONATHAN DREW

Associated Press

RALEIGH, North Carolina

(AP) — Scientists using underwater vehicles and sonar have found a shipwreck off the coast of the southern state of North Carolina that may date back to the American Revolution of the late 1700s, Duke University said Friday.

The expedition led by Duke marine scientist Cindy Van Dover found the previously unknown wreck in mile-deep waters on July 12 using an underwater robot and a manned submarine. They've found artifacts including an iron chain, glass bottles, an unglazed pottery jug and navigational instruments including a metal compass. Archaeologists who examined photos of the artifacts say the wreck appears to date back as far as the late 18th century, which would make it a rare find.

"This is an exciting find, and a vivid reminder that even with major advances in our ability to access and explore the ocean, the deep sea holds its secrets close," Van Dover, director of the Duke University Marine Laboratory, said in a news re-



In this image released by, The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the research vessel Atlantis is shown off the coast of the Carolinas in the Atlantic Ocean during the second week of July 2015 with the submersible Alvin hanging off its stern.

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lease. The scientists, whose primary mission is studying deep-sea ecosystems, were returning to an area called the Blake Plateau that they had previously

explored with sonar. The expedition also includes scientists from North Carolina State University and the University of Oregon aboard a vessel from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The wreck was found using Woods Hole's unmanned vehicle Sentry and the manned submarine Alvin. The scientists turned their data over to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Heritage Program, which hopes to return to the site

to date and identify the lost ship. Marine Heritage Program director James Delgado said the wreck sits about 150 miles offshore in the path of the Gulf Stream, which for centuries has been a maritime trade route. He said in a phone interview that the wreck could yield significant information about trade by the United States when it was a young country.

He noted that many ships have wrecked off the Carolina coasts over the years, but few have been found

because of the difficulty of working at extreme depths. From the surface, older wooden vessels may only show up as pixelated dark spots — or not at all — which explains why such finds are rare despite modern efforts to map the sea floor, he said.

"A largely wooden ship, largely now consumed by marine organisms, it's not going to show up," he said. "It's only when you fly closer or when you have eyes on the bottom that you find these wrecks." □

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'Ant-Man' debuts with \$58M; 'Trainwreck' opens with \$30.2M

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Marvel's "Ant-Man" punched above its weight at the weekend box office, debuting with an estimated \$58 million, while Amy Schumer's "Trainwreck" also opened strongly with \$30.2 million.

The result for "Ant-Man" didn't match some of Marvel's better known and brawnier properties. But "Ant-Man" — a relatively inexpensive superhero movie with a \$130 million budget — still dominated North American multiplexes, edging out the little yellow guys of Universal's "Minions," which took in \$50.2 million in its second week.

"Ant-Man," starring Paul Rudd as a slightly more irreverent and distinctly smaller superhero, came in a little below earlier stand-alone Marvel films like "Thor" (\$65.7 million in 2011) and "Captain America:

"The First Avenger" (\$65.1 million in 2011).

Dave Hollis, head of distribution at Disney, credited Marvel for successfully expanding its universe both in tone and audience make-up. The movie, a more humorous heist film, appealed more to women (42 percent of the audience) and families (28 percent) than most Marvel releases. "Most encouragingly in this one, the exit scores we're seeing from women — their likelihood to recommend and how much they enjoyed the film — was higher here than almost any film we've had," Hollis said. "It's a great sign for what word of mouth should be for the run, but, two, what it means for how women think about these movies being for them as much as men might."

The next question will be whether the result was strong enough to kick start an "Ant-Man 2." Though "Ant-Man" had a rocky



This photo provided by Disney shows Paul Rudd as Scott Lang/Ant-Man in a scene from Marvel's "Ant-Man." The film releases in the U.S. on Friday, July 17, 2015.

Associated Press

path to the screen, with director Peyton Reed replacing Edgar Wright shortly before shooting commenced, its CinemaScore from audiences is an A. It took in \$56.4 million abroad. The opening was closest to 2008's "The Incredible Hulk" (\$55 million), the poorly received Edward Norton edition that didn't spawn

further installments. Rudd is already to appear as Ant-Man in "Captain America: Civil War."

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Trainwreck'**Continued from Page 29**

"I say this was a success," said Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst. "This was never predestined to open with \$80 (million) or \$100 million. Marvel continues to evolve and surprised the audience. This was about a perfectly solid result for a brand new property." The \$30.2 million opening for Schumer's big-screen debut, "Trainwreck," which the comedian also wrote, earned an estimated \$30.2 million, making the R-rated Universal release one of the biggest comedy successes this summer. It's also the second best opening for Judd Apatow as a director following "Knocked Up."

Already a critically acclaimed star on Comedy Central for her sketch show "Inside Amy Schumer," Schumer's transition to movies has drawn good reviews and opened above expectations, further show-

ing the power of female moviegoers. The audience was two-thirds women, Universal said.

"Amy Schumer is an absolute talent and should have a great career in the movies," said Nick Carpo, distribution head for Universal. "The character that she portrays very effectively enables modern women."

Opening in just five locations was Woody Allen's "Irrational Man," starring Joaquin Phoenix and Emma Stone. The Sony Pictures Classic release packed those theaters for an average of \$37,623 per screen. The Roadside Attractions and Miramax release "Mr. Holmes," starring Ian McKellen as an aged Sherlock Holmes, debuted with \$2.5 million in 363 theaters. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included.□



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Amy Schumer, left, and LeBron James, in a scene from the comedy, "Trainwreck."

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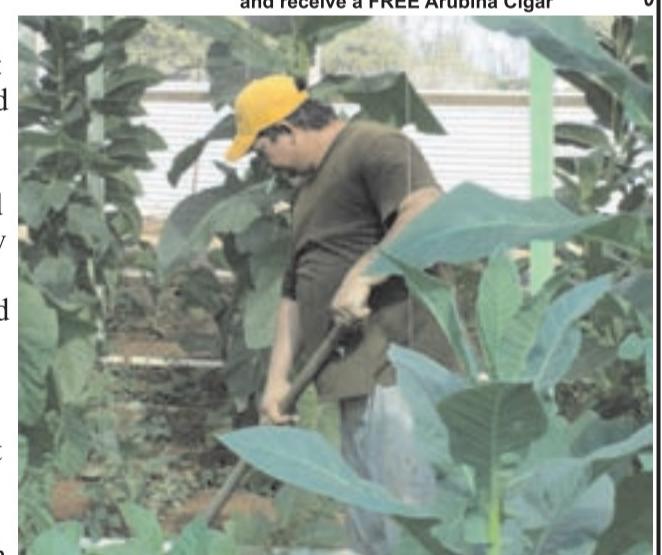


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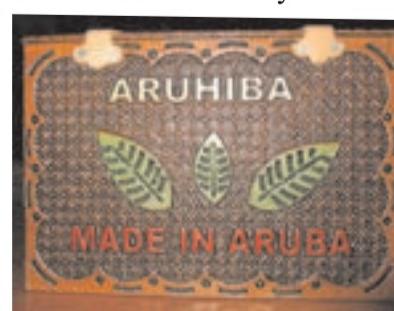
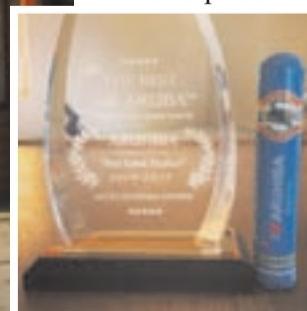
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